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time. There is a lot of work that has been done, a lot of effort has been expended, a lot of money has been expended in an attempt to get these plants built. I understand that ground has been broken for one in Hastings. I am assured that there is one to be built here in Lincoln and I have talked with several other people from the Benkelman area who have invested rather heavily in an attempt to build a plant in that area and to remove the exemption at this time would certainly be (interruption)...

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute left.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...to those groups. I think that it may well be that this body may have to appropriate from the general fund to the Department of Roads at some time the amount of money that we use for the gasohol exemption. It probably is not fair that the Department of Roads bears the full cost of this subsidy for this new industry. In all fairness I think that the price of corn has increased in the last several years as a result of the increased use of gasohol and in some instances perhaps the State of Nebraska has not suffered as great a financial loss as we would think otherwise. So although I have some sympathy for Senator Warner and I understand his concerns, I would have to oppose the amendment at this time.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Landis, on the amendment.

SENATOR LANDIS: Question. I call the question on the amendment. Let's get on with the business of the day.

SENATOR CLARK: Do I see five hands?

SENATOR LANDIS: Sure you do.

SENATOR CLARK: Yes. I see five hands. I will leave it up to the body. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote nay.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Senator Clark voting yes.

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted on ceasing debate?